

HUFF

HUFF



HAA





WHAT'S
WRONG,
HERO?

DON'T TELL ME
YOU'RE EXHAUSTED
ALREADY.

A character in a dark, gothic setting, possibly a castle courtyard. The character is wearing a dark tunic with a red cape and is holding a sword. The ground is paved with a diamond pattern. In the background, there are stone walls and a large, ornate door. A speech bubble is present, containing text. Sound effects 'HOFF' and 'PANT' are also visible.

MY MAGIC IS
CAUSING YOU MORE AND
MORE PAIN THE MORE
YOU ATTACK ME,

SO I SUGGEST
YOU STOP, BEFORE
IT KILLS YOU.

HOFF

PANT



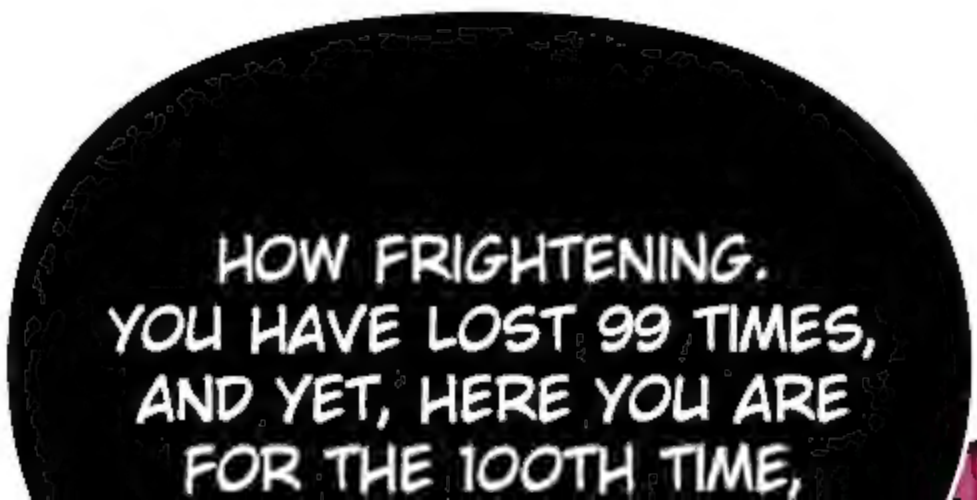
NEVER...

I WON'T DIE
UNTIL I KILL
YOU!





LEONARD
THE HERO



HOW FRIGHTENING.
YOU HAVE LOST 99 TIMES,
AND YET, HERE YOU ARE
FOR THE 100TH TIME,

JUST TO
KILL A WOMAN
WHO HAS DONE
NO WRONG.





DULLAHAN
THE DEMON LORD



DONE NO WRONG?
DEMONKIND HAS GROWN
POWERFUL BECAUSE
OF YOUR MAGIC,

ALLOWING
THOSE MONSTERS TO
INVADE OUR VILLAGES
COUNTLESS TIMES!



WIPE

DO YOU
KNOW HOW
MANY HUMANS
WERE--

UGH, ENOUGH.
ENOUGH ALREADY.

I AM
GETTING TIRED
OF THIS. FOR
THE 100TH
TIME,

THOSE
MONSTERS ARE
LIKE VERMIN BORN OUT
OF THE TRACES OF MY
OVERFLOWING
MAGIC.

YAWN





IN OTHER WORDS,
I CANNOT HELP THAT
THEY EXIST.

SO WHY NOT
STOP YOUR FUTILE
ATTEMPTS AND SIT DOWN
FOR A CHAT?

YOU CANNOT
KILL ME ANYWAY,
HERO.

NO, HUMANS
CAN DO ANYTHING
WITH ENOUGH
EFFORT.



GRIN

DEMONKIND
WILL DISAPPEAR
IF I DEFEAT YOU,
SO I MUST AND
I WILL KILL
YOU!

ALL RIGHT,
THEN.



COME AT ME,
HERO!

HERO.

LEAP











HUFF

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THUD

HAA...
FAREWELL, MY
OLD NEMESIS.

THIS IS A
SWORD FIGHTING
TECHNIQUE I LEARNED
FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE
OF DEFEATING YOU.

HUFF

HUFF

THUD

HAA... I PUT ALL
OF MY REMAINING
ENERGY INTO THAT
FINAL BLOW.

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP



HERO...

JOLT



A comic book panel featuring a character in a red dress at the top. A large, dark, circular speech bubble dominates the center of the frame. The background is a mix of dark and light tones, suggesting an outdoor setting.

...YOU
MANAGED TO TAKE
ME BY SURPRISE BY
THAT ATTACK.

YOU REALLY
ARE GROWING
STRONGER
WITH TIME.

PLAC





HOWEVER,
UNFORTUNATELY
FOR YOU...



...CLIPPING OFF
MY HEAD IS NOT
ENOUGH TO
KILL ME.

DUN



I AM
IMMORTAL.

YOU HAD NO
HOPE OF EVER
KILLING ME TO
BEGIN WITH.

HEHE...
HOW AMUSING
TO SEE YOU SO
FLUSTERED,
HERO.



A comic book panel featuring a character's back in the upper left, with a large, swirling purple energy attack dominating the center and right. Two speech bubbles are present: one in the upper right and a larger one in the lower center.

HEHE...

STILL, THAT
ATTACK JUST
NOW WAS VERY
IMPRESSIVE!



EVEN
I WAS UNABLE
TO TRACK YOUR
MOVEMENTS.

YOU
DID WELL,
HERO!

WAFT



A comic book panel featuring two speech bubbles. The top bubble is black with white text, and the bottom bubble is also black with white text. The background is a light blue gradient with some faint, darker blue shapes at the bottom.

HEHE...
DO YOU RECALL
THE FIRST DAY
WE MET?

10 YEARS AGO,
YOU WERE A MERE
BOY OF 15.

YOU REALIZED
THAT YOU WERE THE
CHOSEN HERO...

AND
BRAVELY CAME
TO CHALLENGE ME,
BUT YOU WERE FAR
TOO WEAK.



LOOM

BACK THEN,
YOU WERE SO
FRIGHTENED THAT YOU
STARTED CRYING... BUT
YOU HAVE GROWN MUCH
STRONGER OVER
THE YEARS!

THUD



P-PLEASE
DON'T KILL
ME...

IF I REMEMBER
CORRECTLY, YOU MAY
HAVE EVEN SOILED
YOUR PANTS--

GRAB





WIZ



A comic book panel featuring a large, jagged speech bubble with a black background and white text. The speech bubble is set against a background of purple and pinkish-red clouds or smoke. The text inside the bubble is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

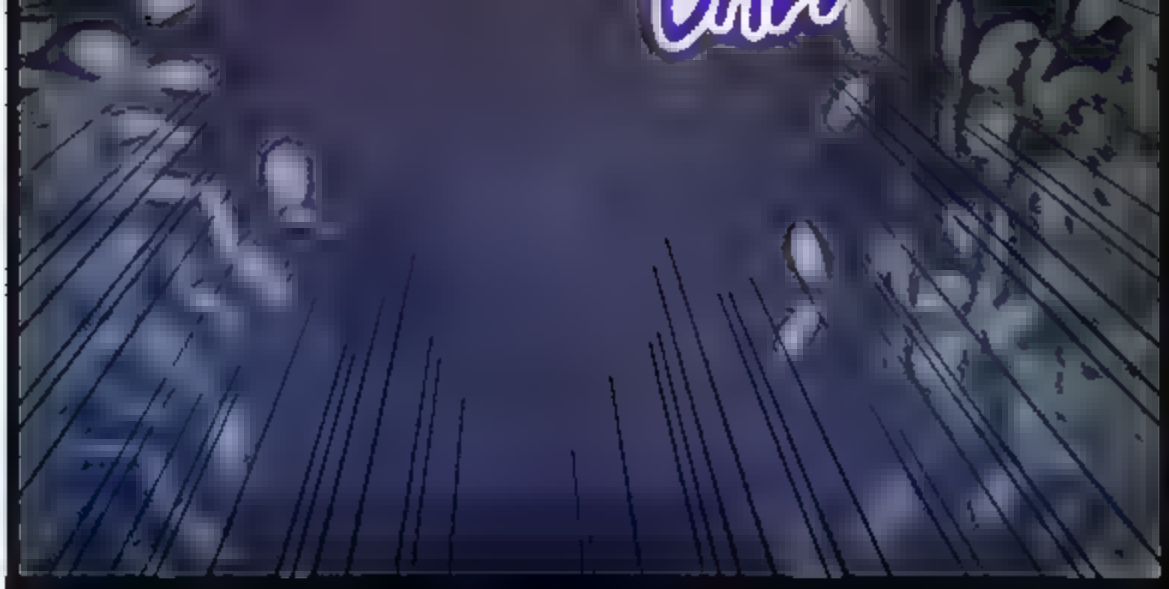
WH-WHAT
ARE YOU DOING?!
WHERE DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
GOING?!

A comic book panel featuring a smaller, jagged speech bubble with a black background and white text. The speech bubble is set against a background of purple and pinkish-red clouds or smoke. The text inside the bubble is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

H-HERO! WAIT
A MOMENT!









GALLOP

WHERE ON
EARTH ARE YOU
TAKING ME?!



TO THE OCEAN.

JOLT



TH-THE
OCEAN?!

I HAVE
REALIZED THAT
YOUR HORNS ARE
THE SOURCE OF
YOUR MAGIC.



SO,
I INTEND TO
SEND YOUR HEAD
TO A WATERY
GRAVE...

INTO THE
VERY DEPTHS OF
THE OCEAN, WHERE
NO ONE WILL EVER
FIND YOU.





WH-WHAT?!

THAT IS
LUDICROUS-!

HALT, HERO!

ATTACKING

WITH THE MIND



I MAY NOT SEEM
LIKE MUCH TO YOU,

DEMON LORD, BUT
I AM THE HERO!

GALLOP

AND
THE HERO'S WILL
CANNOT BE SHAKEN
SO EASILY!

GALLOP

O-OH NO!

GALLOP



SHLO



WITHOUT MY BODY,
MENTAL ATTACKS ARE
MY ONLY WEAPON!

WHOOSSK



SPLASH

A character with short brown hair, seen from behind, wears a red cape over a grey tunic. They are looking up at a bright, glowing light source in a sky filled with soft, white and blue clouds. A speech bubble originates from the character's head.

ANY LAST
WORDS?



HAHA-! DO
YOU REALLY THINK
THROWING ME INTO
THE OCEAN WILL
KILL ME?!

I MAY NOT BE
ABLE TO KILL YOU,
BUT I CAN STOP YOUR

MAGIC FROM REACHING
THE KINGDOM.

NO MORE
HUMANS WILL LOSE
THEIR LIVES BECAUSE
OF YOU.

I HAVE NO
GRUDGE AGAINST YOU.
IT IS SIMPLY MY MISSION
TO SAVE HUMANITY.
SO, FAREWELL...
DULLAHAN!

CLOSE

HUH? WAIT,
ARE YOU BEING
SERIOUS?!

A manga-style illustration featuring a young man with dark hair, wearing a grey tunic and a red cape, looking back over his shoulder with a determined expression. He is holding a small, pink, fox-like creature by its ears. The creature has large, expressive eyes and a wide, open mouth as if shouting. The background is a blurred, greenish-blue landscape. Two large, black, jagged speech bubbles are present. The top bubble contains the text "WAIT! HERO! HOLD ON!". The bottom bubble contains the text "A-AT LEAST LET ME SAY MY LAST WORDS-!".

WAIT! HERO!
HOLD ON!

A-AT LEAST
LET ME SAY MY
LAST WORDS-!



DUN

L-LET ME SAY
SOMETHING-!

JUST LET ME
SAY ONE LAST--
YOU BASTARD!!!





GLINT











LEONARD...

I'LL NEVER
FORGIVE YOU
FOR THIS...

GURGLE





I'LL HAVE
MY REVENGE...
AGAINST YOU...

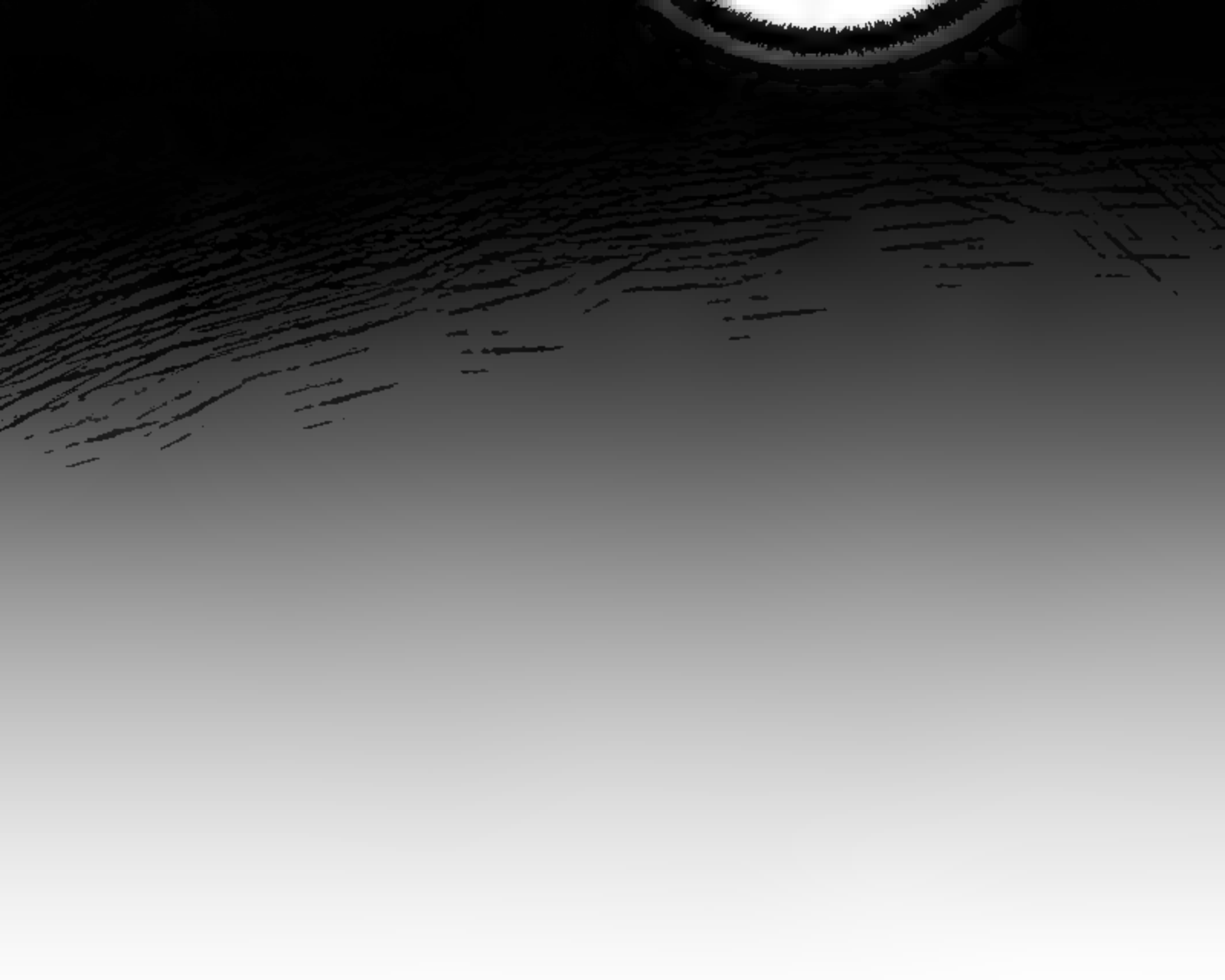
I'LL KILL YOU
IN THE MOST CRUEL
AND PAINFUL WAY
POSSIBLE...





AS SOON AS
I GET OUT OF
HERE...

AS SOON
AS I...



FROM THAT DAY ON,
THE BODY OF DULLAHAN,
THE DEMON LORD, ROAMED
THE EARTH TO LOOK
FOR HER HEAD.

CLIP

CLIP CLOP

CLIP CLOP





CLIP CLOP

NEIGH



GOOD
HEAVENS...
DO YOU SEE
THAT, SON?

TREMBLE



Y-YES,
FATHER...

IT'S A
HEADLESS
RIDER!

DU DUN





WE MUST
HURRY AND LET
THE OTHER VILLAGERS
KNOW OF THIS!

DULLAHAN
INADVERTENTLY GAVE RISE
TO A FRIGHTENING LEGEND
IN THE PROCESS.

BUT AS IT WAS
TOO FAR AWAY FROM
HER HEAD, THE SOURCE OF
HER MAGIC, HER BODY
EVENTUALLY RAN OUT
OF ENERGY.





WHY IS
THERE A CORPSE
HERE?!





IS THAT A
DYING MESSAGE?

STING MESSAGE.
I SHOULD WRITE
IT DOWN.

A KIND, BALD
PASSERBY BURIED
HER BODY,

AND THOSE WHO'D BEEN
TURNED INTO MONSTERS
UNDER THE INFLUENCE
OF THE DEMON LORD'S
MAGIC WERE FREED,
AS DEMONKIND
DISAPPEARED.

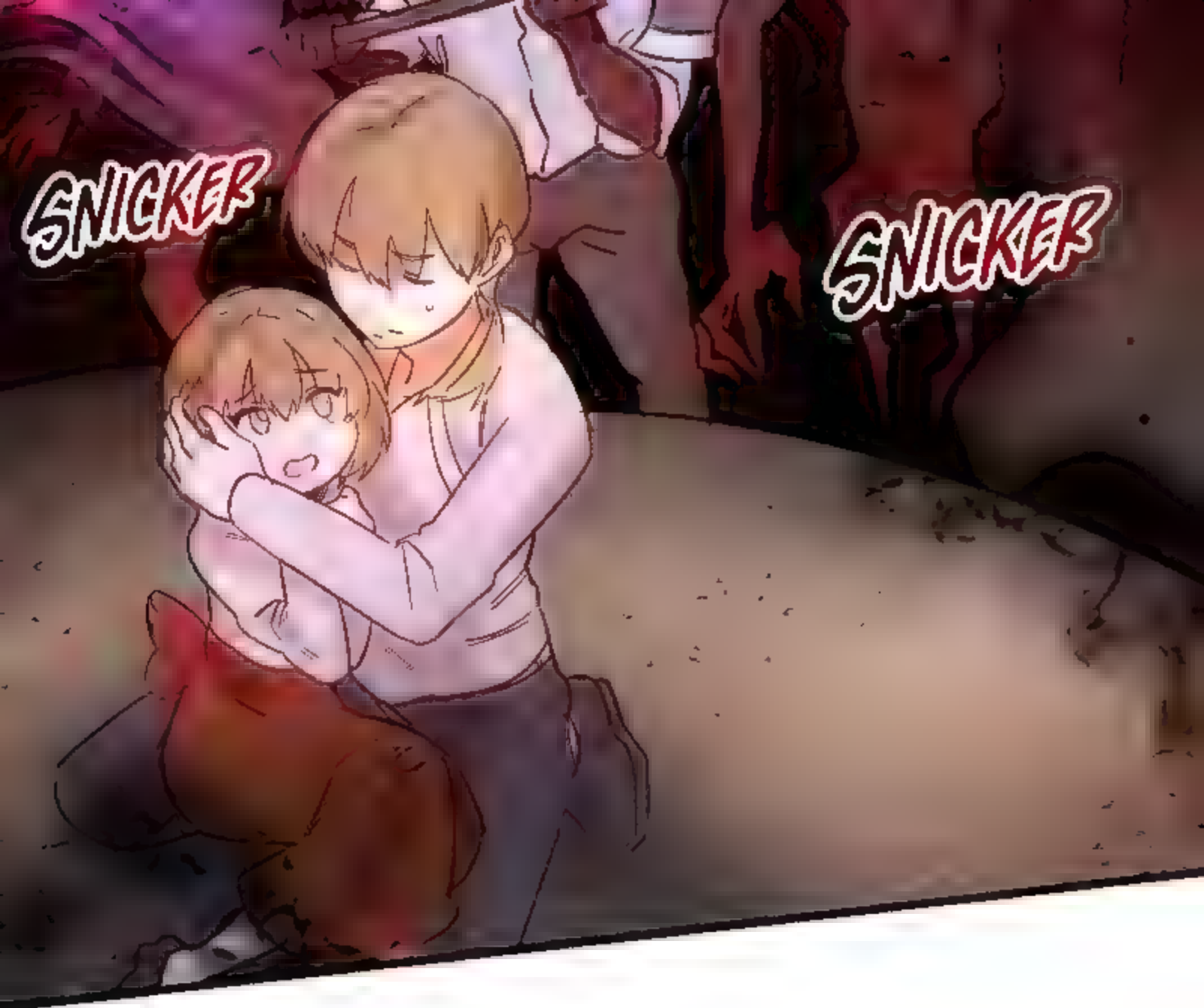
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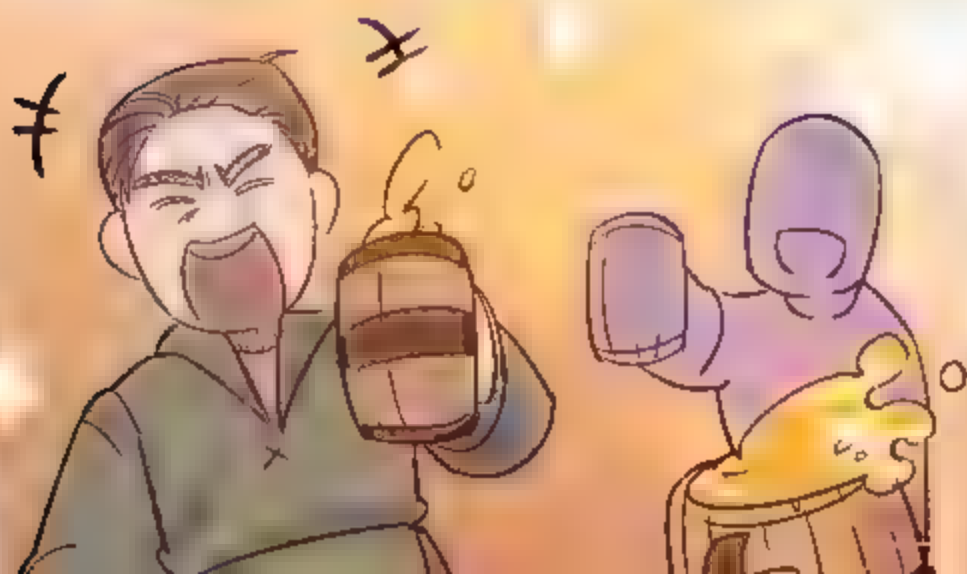


OH DEAR, WHY
AM I HOLDING
AN AXE?

HOW SCARY.

WOOHOO!
THE DEMON LORD
AND HER UNDERLINGS
ARE FINALLY
GONE!

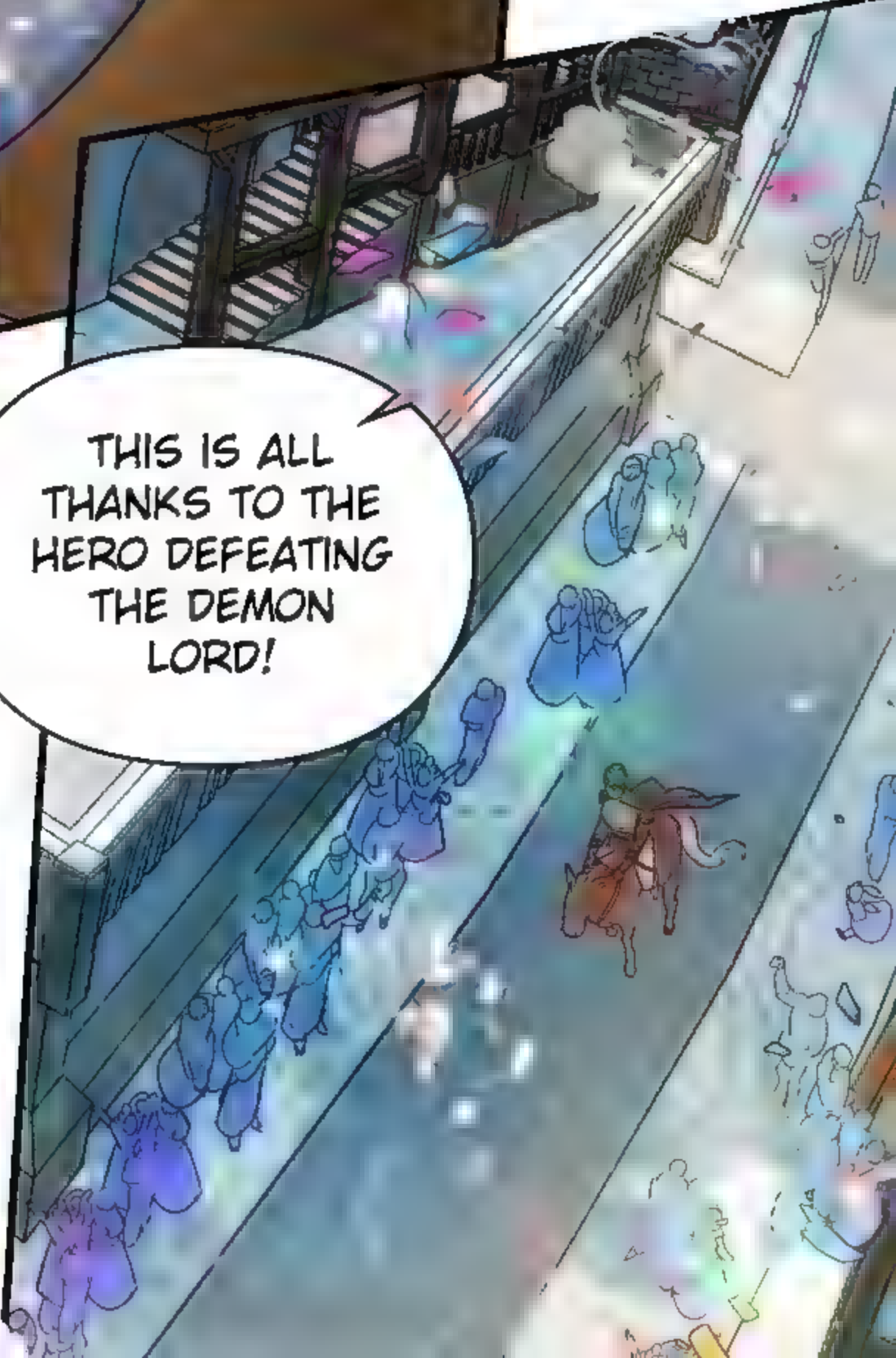
BWAHAHA





I'LL TOAST
TO THAT!

LET'S PLAY A
DRINKING GAME!



THIS IS ALL
THANKS TO THE
HERO DEFEATING
THE DEMON
LORD!



OUR
HERO!

RAAAH

SIR HERO!

EEK

HERO!

RAAAAH!

STAY!



HE WAS SUCH
A YOUNG BOY WHEN
HE BEGAN HIS QUEST

HE BEGAN HIS QUEST,
AND HE'S FINALLY
DONE IT!

HE'S GOTTEN
SO STRONG!

MOVED

OPHELIA,
IF YOU STILL HAVE
FEELINGS FOR THE HERO,
I SHALL ALLOW
YOU TWO TO
COURT.

THANK YOU,
FATHER...

AH...

HE'LL BE SUCH
A WONDERFUL
SON-IN-LAW!

BLUSH

AND SO, THE HERO
MARRIED THE PRINCESS
OF THE KINGDOM AFTER
BRINGING PEACE TO
THE WORLD...

...AND THEY ALL
LIVED HAPPILY
EVER AFTER.



HMM, I'VE
NEVER HEARD OF
THAT STORY.



WHERE DID
YOU HEAR IT?



IT MUST BE
FROM A NOVEL.
I HEARD IT FROM
A SAILOR WHEN
I WENT TO
SPAIN.



APPARENTLY,
THE DEMON LORD'S
HEAD STILL ROAMS
THE OCEAN FLOOR
TO THIS DAY.

HOW STRONG
DO YOU THINK A
DEMON LORD LIKE
THAT WOULD BE
IN THE MODERN
WORLD?

WOULDN'T A
SINGLE BULLET
BE ENOUGH TO
KILL HER?

SNICKER

PROBABLY.





AND THAT
STORY'S
ANCIENT.

TURN

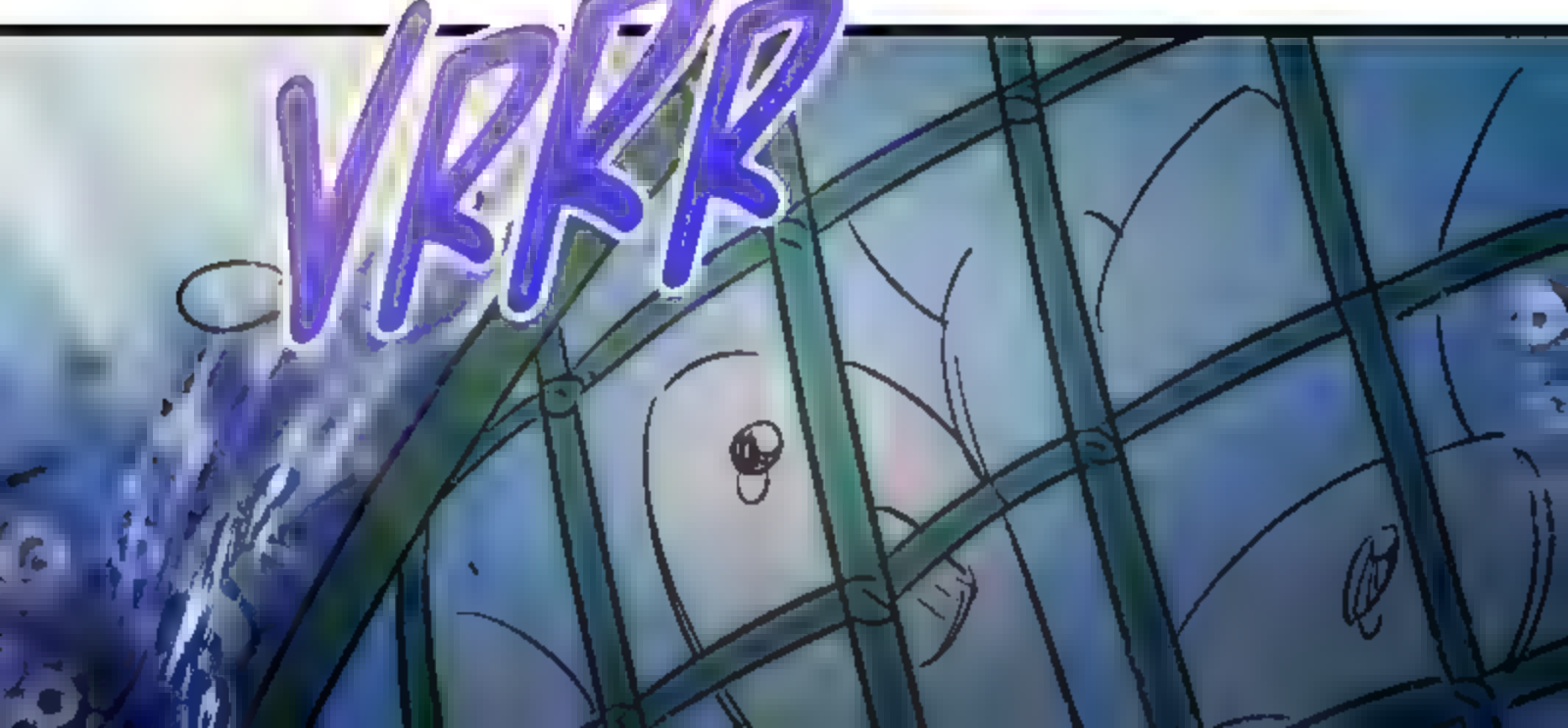
YOU CAN GO TO
JAIL JUST FOR SOME
ILLEGAL FISHING, LIKE
WE ARE DOING

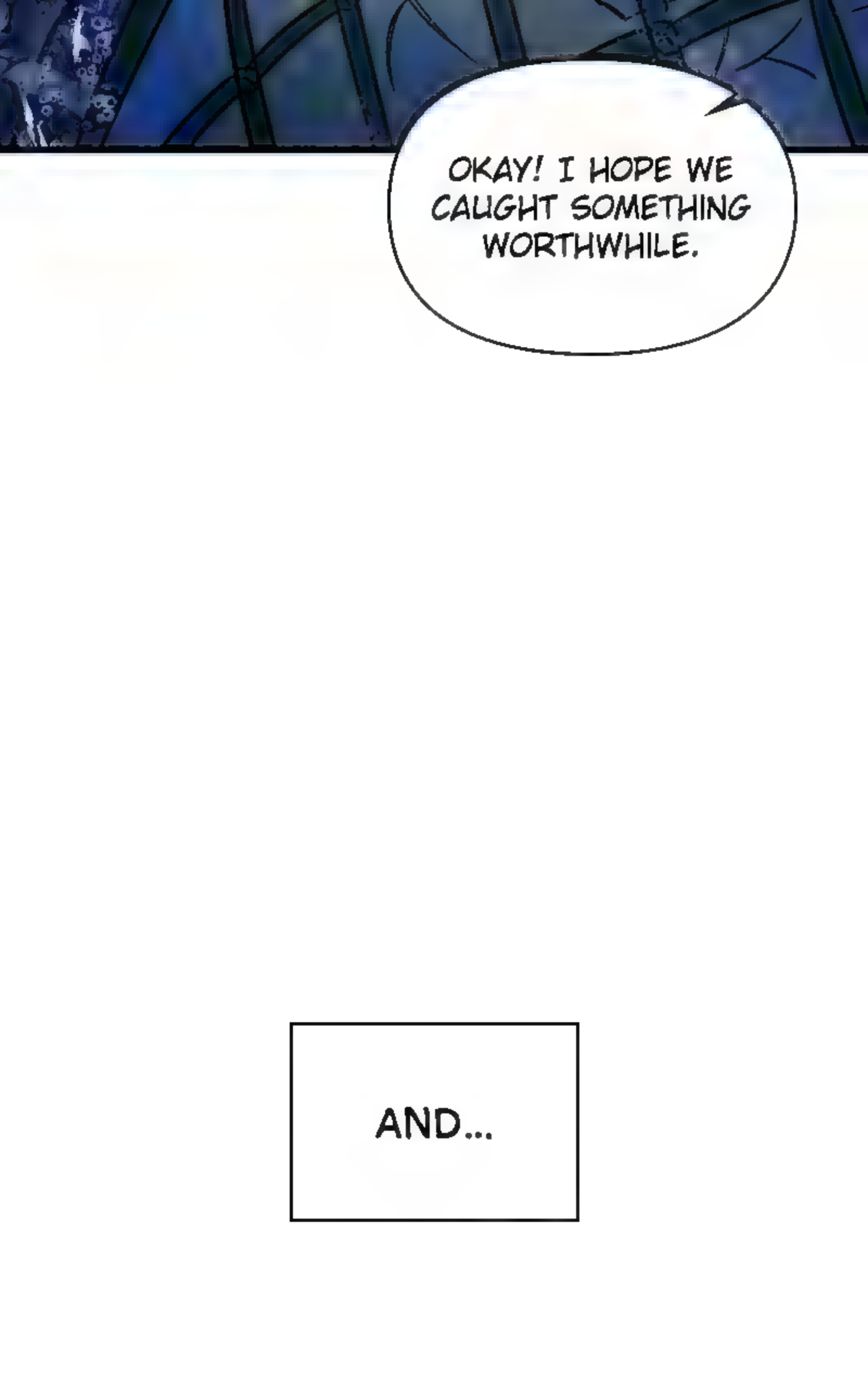
RIGHT NOW.

DEMON LORDS
AND HEROES... THEY
CAN'T DO ANYTHING
AGAINST MODERN
WEAPONS.

ANYWAY,
LET'S PULL UP
THE NET NOW.

VRRR





OKAY! I HOPE WE
CAUGHT SOMETHING
WORTHWHILE.

AND...

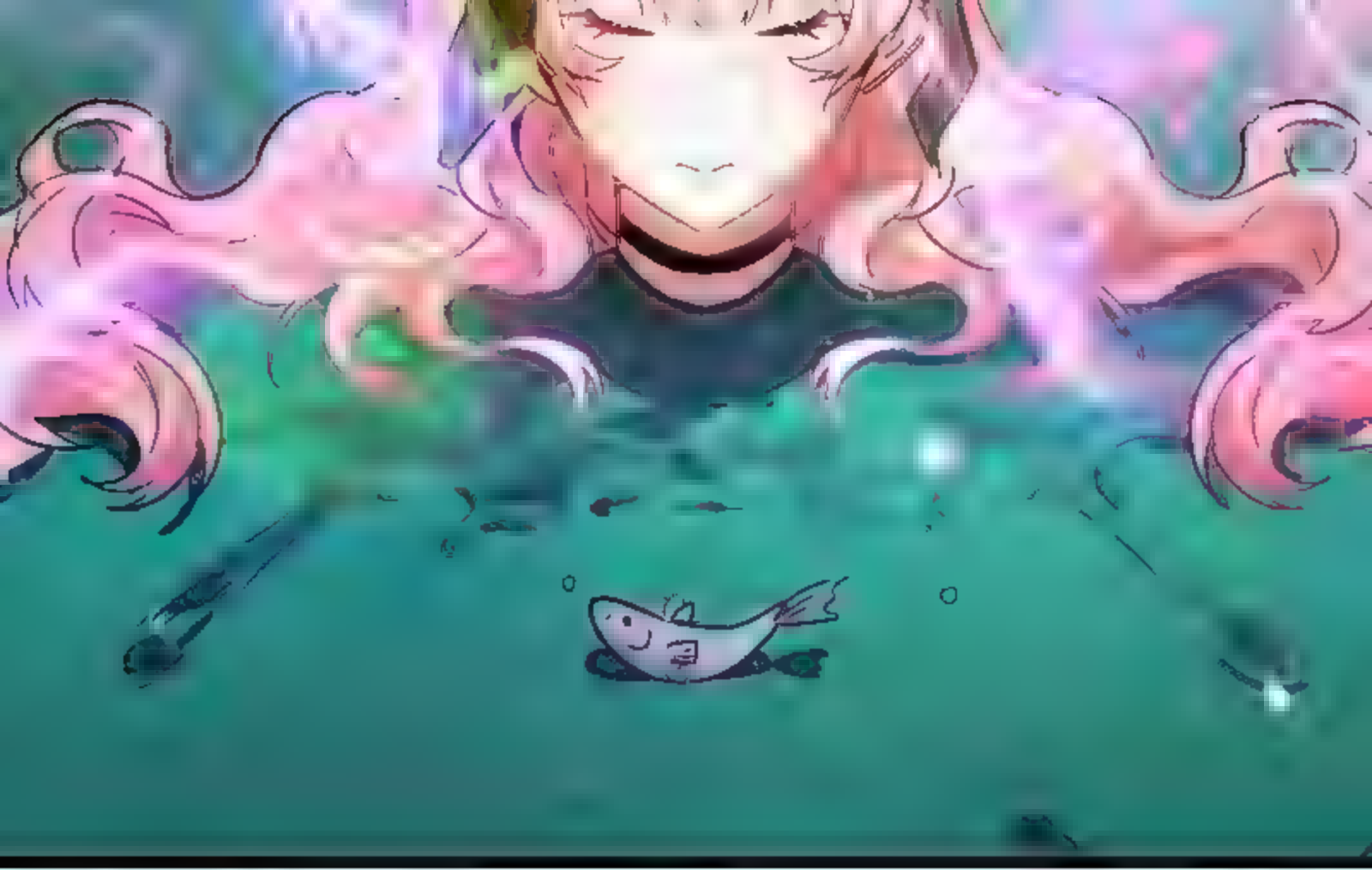


...AFTER A
LONG TIME...

...THE
DEMON LORD
WAS REVIVED.

DU DUN





TH...

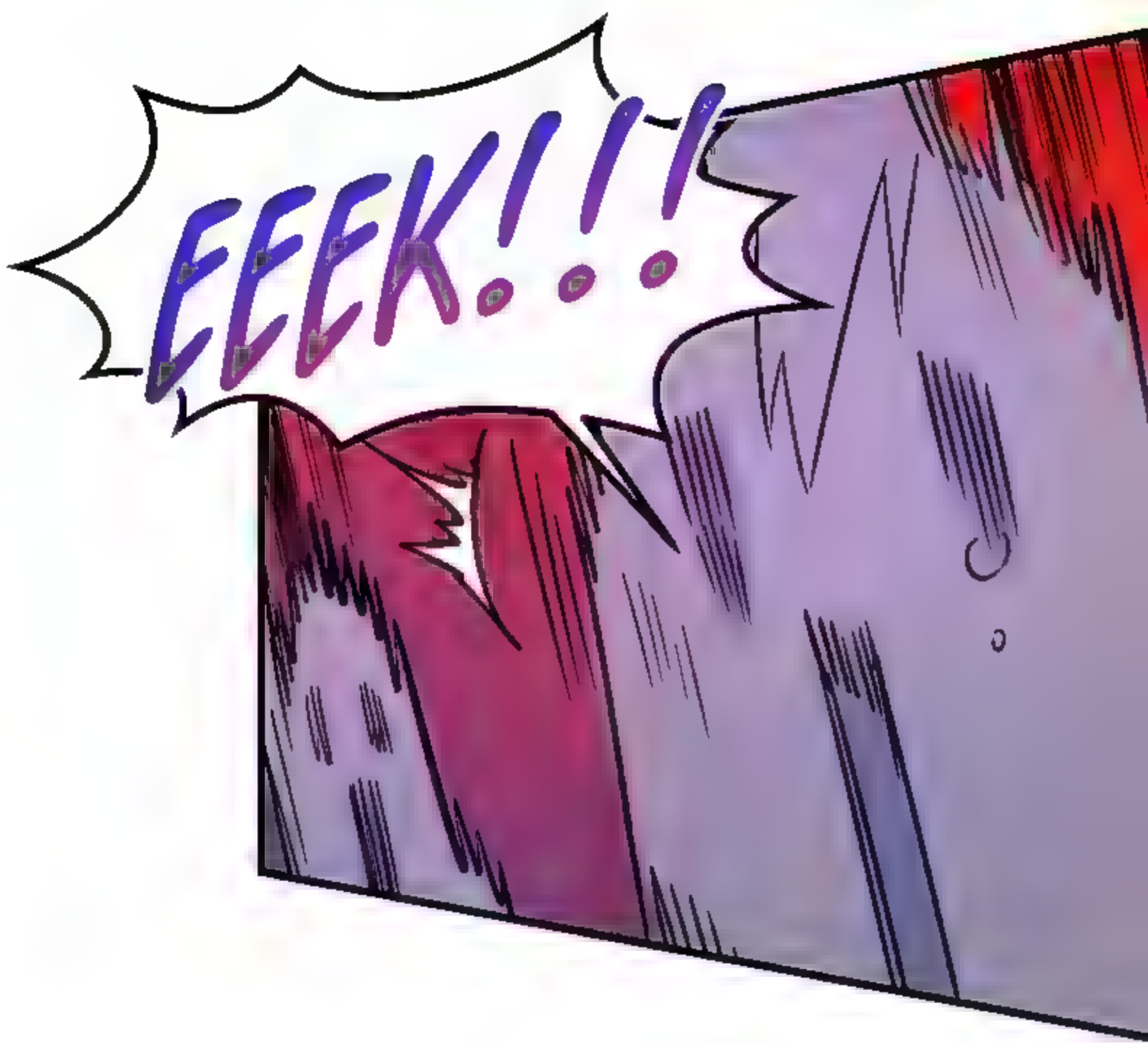
THAT'S A
MANNEQUIN HEAD,
RIGHT?!



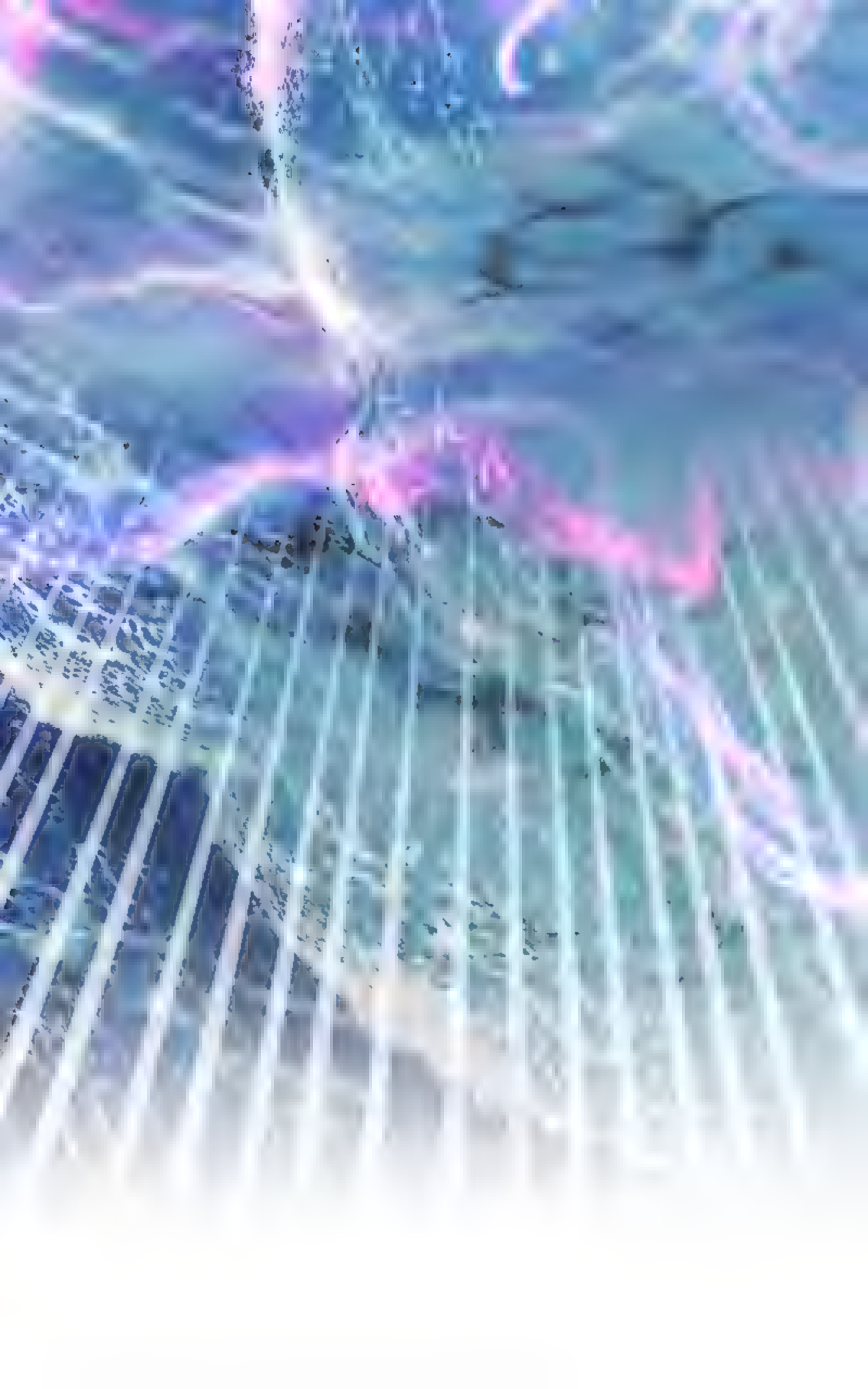
I-I-IT
HAS TO BE!

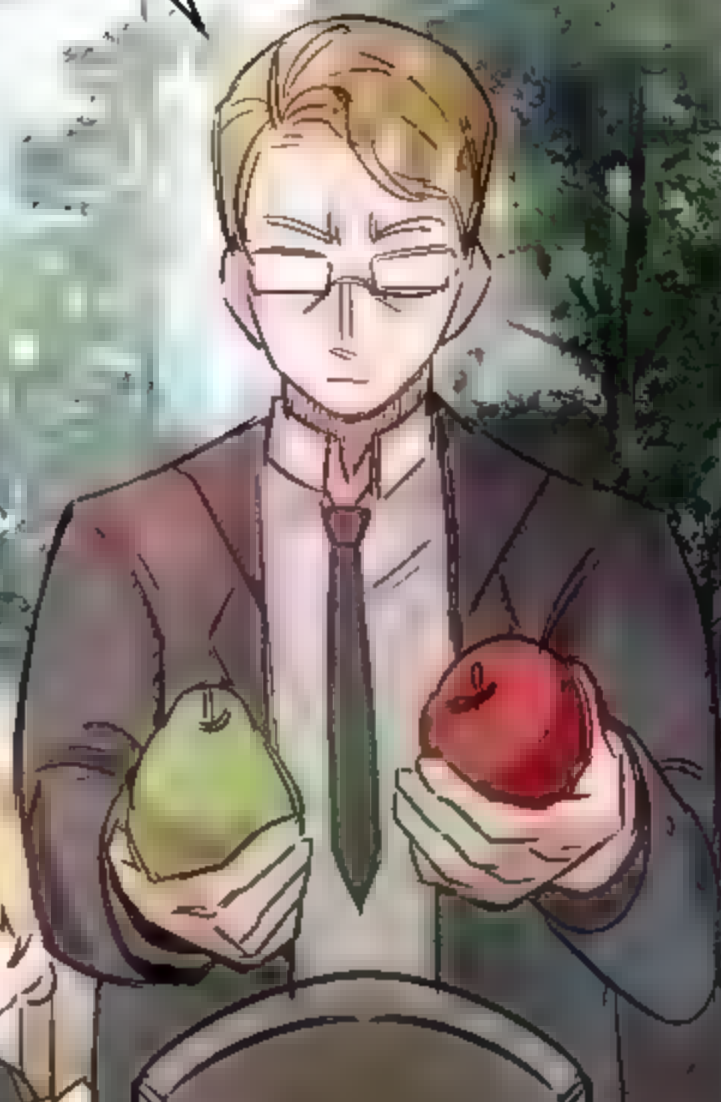


FLASH



FWOOSH



A man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is holding a green pear in his right hand and a red apple in his left hand. He has a frustrated or exasperated expression on his face. The background is a misty, forested area with trees and a path.

GEEZ, HOW
WAS I SUPPOSED
TO ARRANGE THE
FRUIT AGAIN?

A young girl with short blonde hair tied in pigtails with pink bows. She is wearing a dark top and is looking up at the man with a concerned expression.

DADDY,
THIS THING IS
MOVING.

WOBBLE

JAMIE,
PLEASE BE
QUIET DURING THE
ANCESTRAL
RITE.

MUTTER

THIS IS
SO HARD FOR A
FIRST-TIMER LIKE
ME... MAYBE I'LL
JUST WING IT.

MUTTER

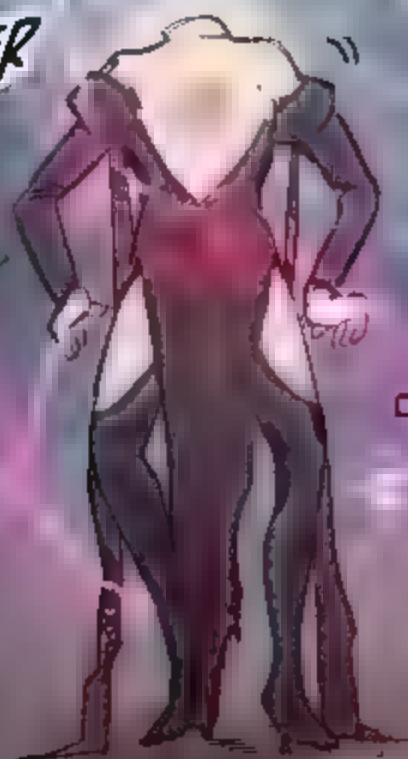


DADDY,

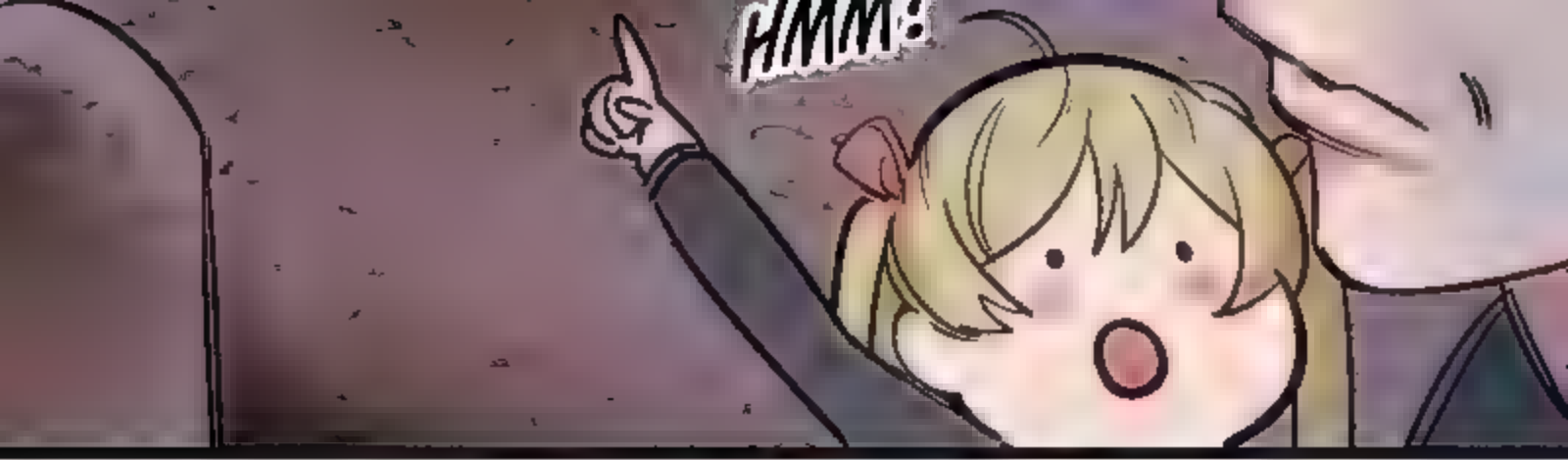
A BODY
WITHOUT A HEAD
CAME OUT OF
THAT GRAVE.

COME ON,
JAMIE. WHERE
ARE YOUR
MANNERS?

STAGGER



mm?



DADDY'S
BUSY RIGHT NOW.
YOU MADE ME LOSE
MY TRAIN OF
THOUGHT.

YOU HAD
BETTER BE GOOD
TO ME WHILE I'M STILL
ALIVE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE
ANY REGRETS WHEN
IT'S TOO LATE.

VROOM



VROOM



GOOD,
I CAN SENSE
MY BODY.

HAHA



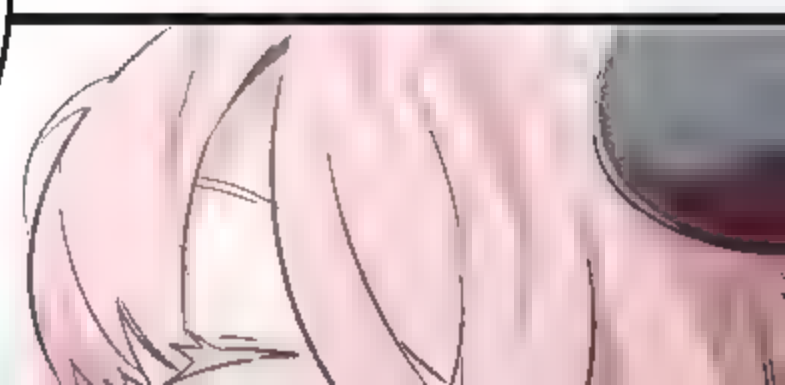


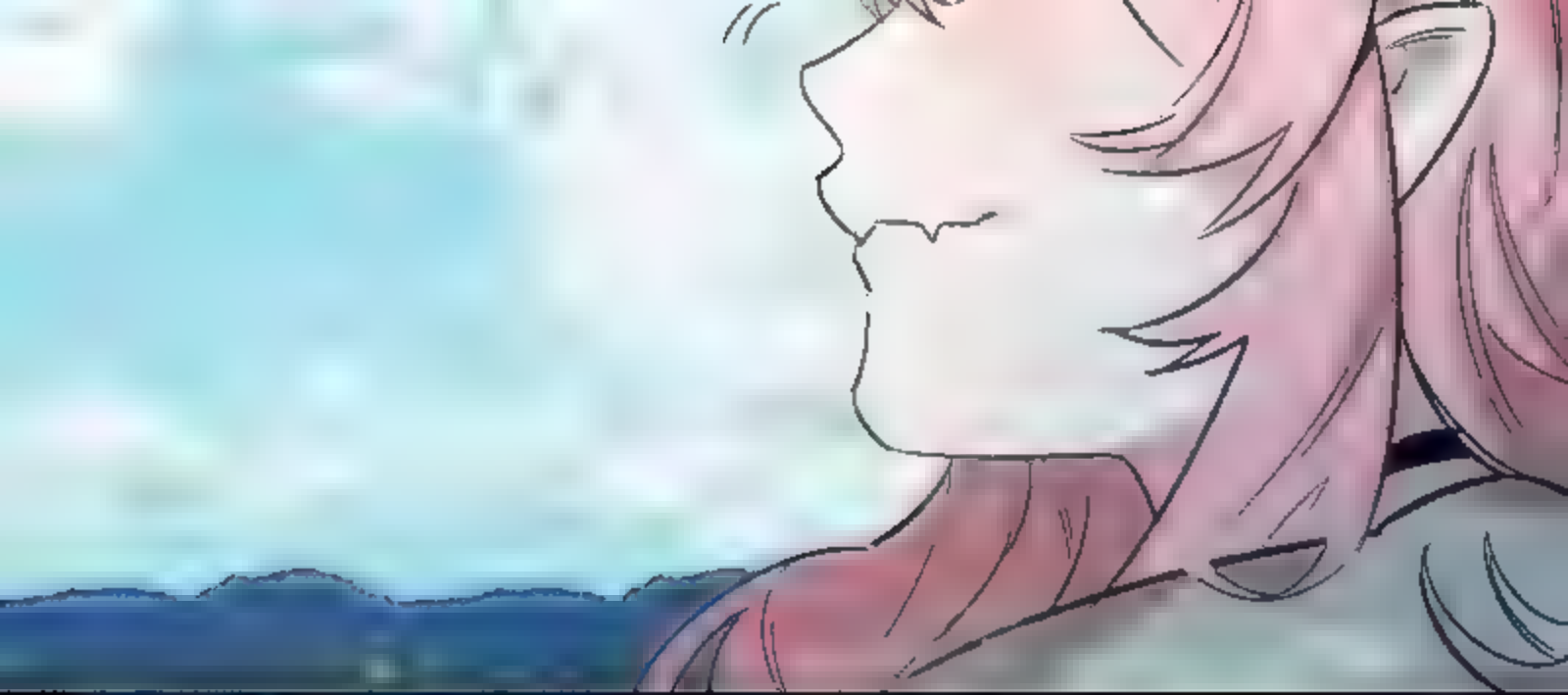
I WAS A LITTLE
WORRIED BECAUSE
IT FELT LIKE A LOT
OF TIME PASSED,

BUT IT SEEMS
LIKE THE HERO IS
STILL ALIVE.



HIS SCENT
IS INCREDIBLY
STRONG.



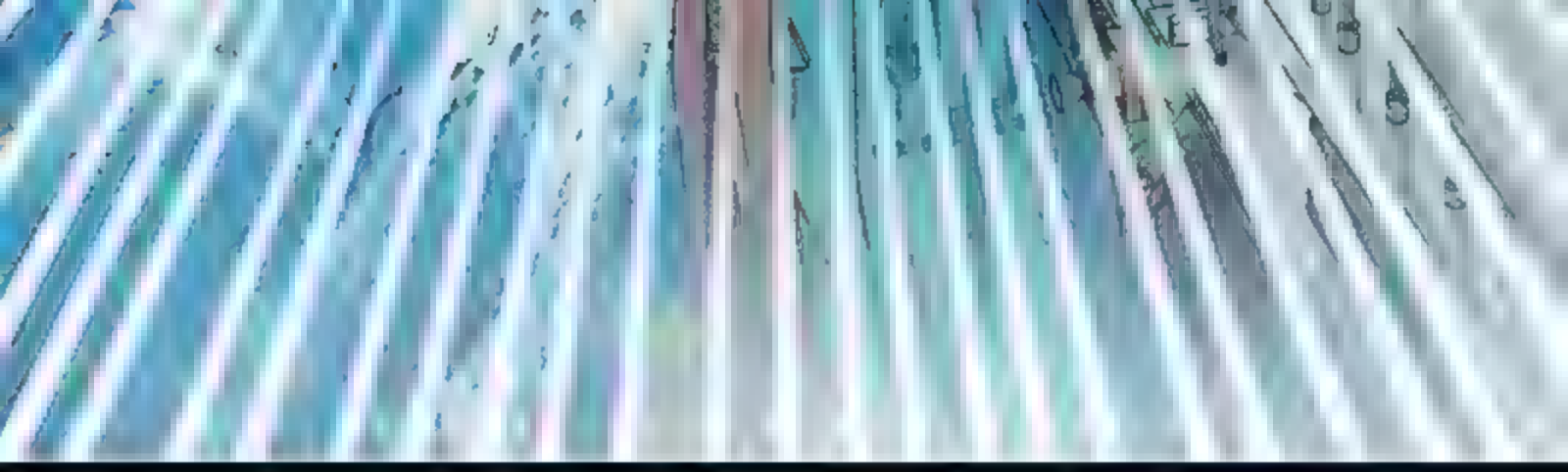


AND IT'S
VERY CLOSE,
TOO!



JUST YOU
WAIT, HERO!
I SHALL HAVE MY
REVENGE
SOON!

vrooom



BUT ONCE SHE
REACHED THE SHORE
AND REUNITED WITH
HER BODY,

THE DEMON LORD
REALIZED SOMETHING.

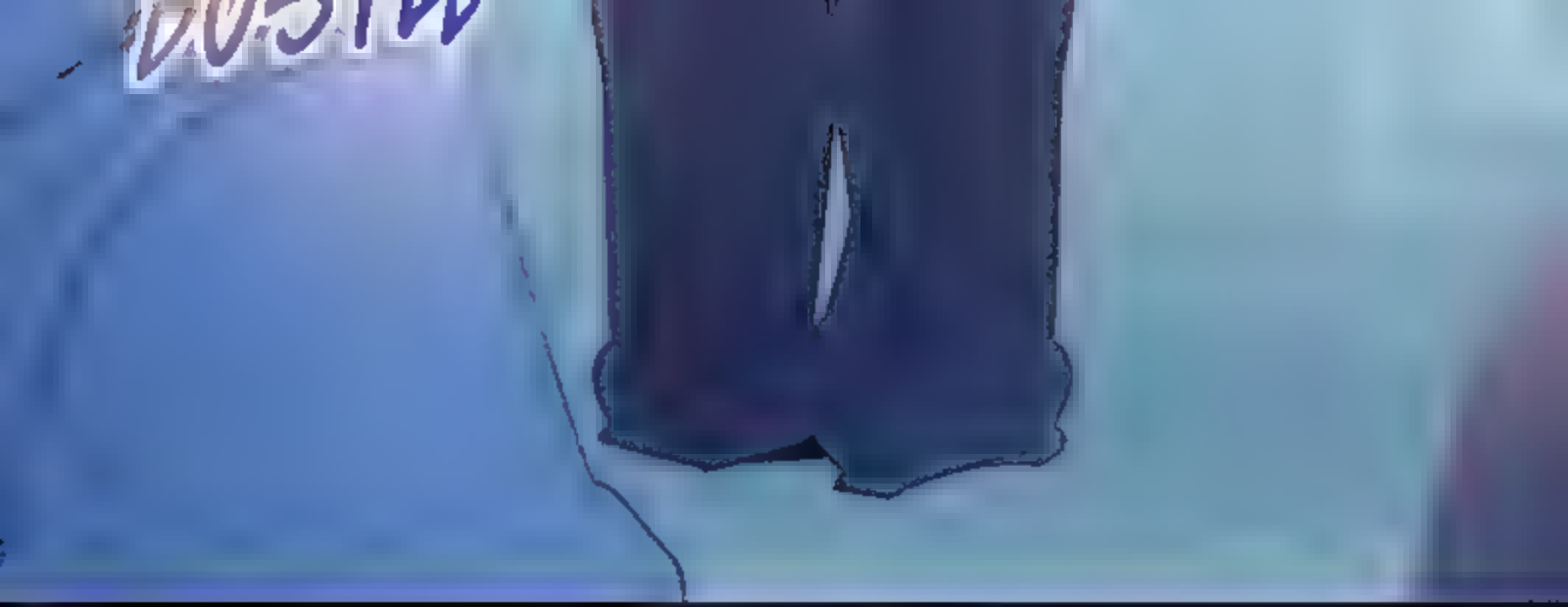


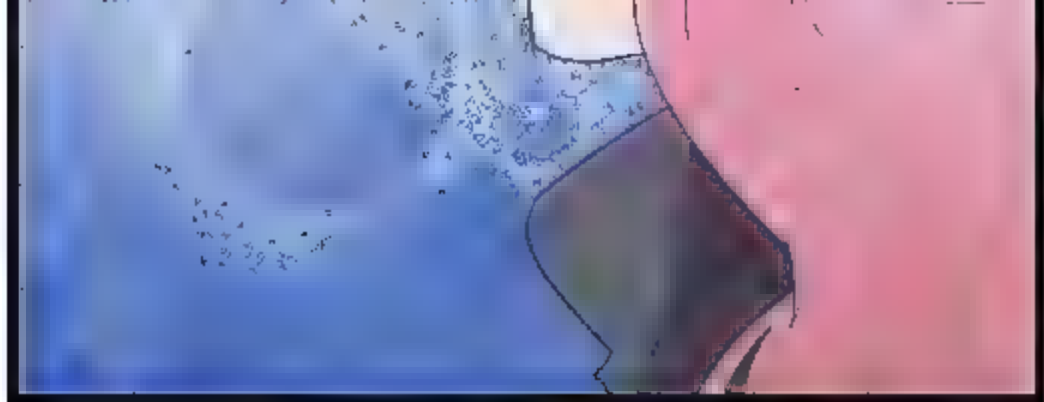
THE HERO
HAD TO BE DEAD
BY NOW.

HONK HONK

BUSTLE

BUSTLE







I SUPPOSE THIS
WAS INEVITABLE.

CENTURIES...
NO, EVEN MORE
TIME THAN THAT
SEEMS TO HAVE
PASSED.



THE HEROIC

THE HERO'S
SCENT MUST BE
COMING FROM HIS
DESCENDANT,
THEN.

STILL,
SHOULDN'T A
CHOSEN HERO LIVE
LONGER THAN
A REGULAR
HUMAN?!

WHAT
A WEAKLING!
HE EVEN SAID HE
WOULDN'T DIE UNTIL
HE KILLED
ME!

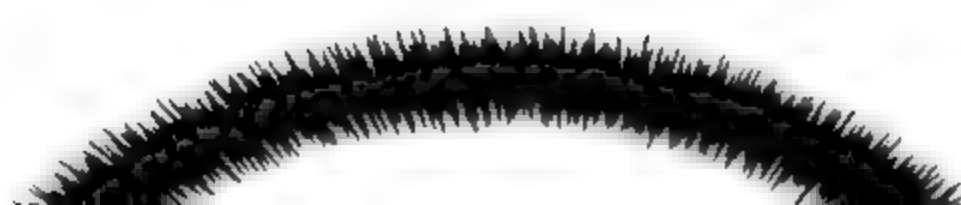




HMPH

BUT ALL HE DID
WAS IMPRISON ME
IN THE OCEAN.

WHAT A BITTER
AND DEPRESSING
CONCLUSION.



THAT COWARD
OF A HERO MUST
HAVE DIED IN PEACE,
SURROUNDED BY HIS
LOVING FAMILY!

FATHER!

GRANDFATHER!





...I'LL JUST
KILL THE HERO'S
DESCENDANT!

SNICKER

SNICKER

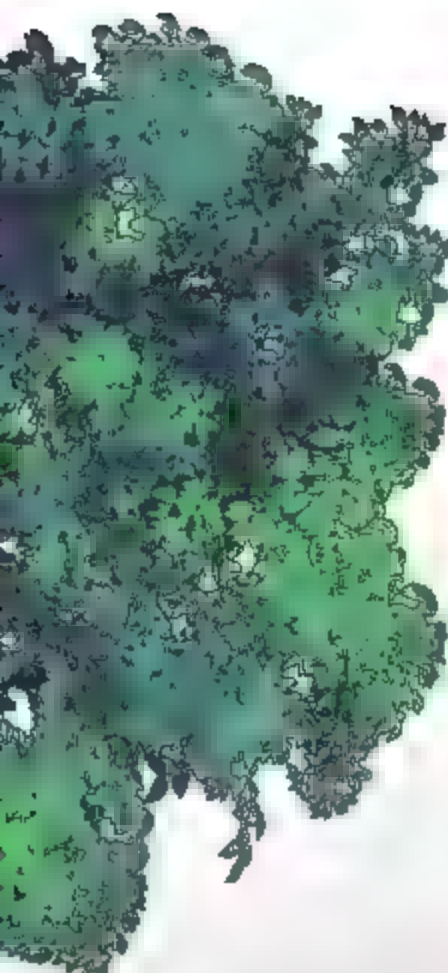
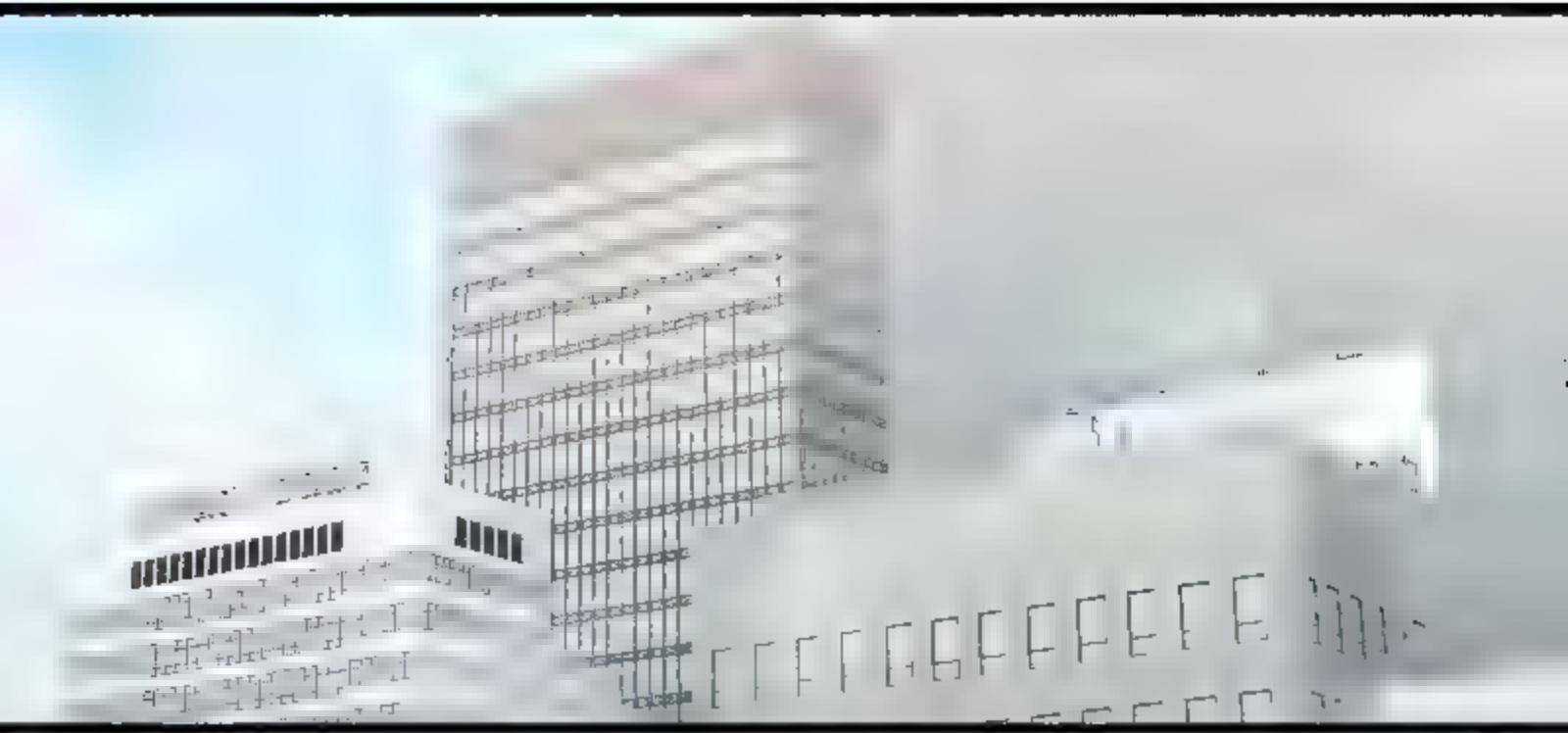
SNICKER



HEHE







I FOLLOWED
THE HERO'S
SCENT HERE.

HIS DESCENDANT
MUST HAVE BECOME
THE LORD OF THIS
CASTLE.



DO WE
REALLY HAVE
TO KEEP WORKING
AT THIS CRAPPY
COMPANY?

I WISH
I COULD
QUIT.



CRAPPY
COMPANY?

SNICKER

THAT MUST BE
THE NAME OF
THIS CASTLE.



IS THIS
THE PERSON
INTERVIEWING WITH
US TODAY?

I HEARD
WE'D BE GETTING
A NEW LIFE

A NEW HIRE.

WHAT
BRINGS YOU
HERE?

I HAVE COME
TO MEET YOUR
LEADER.

OH, SO
I WAS RIGHT.
FOLLOW ME.

FORGET ME?

HELLO?
YES, SIR.

I'M ON MY WAY
UP WITH THE JOB
CANDIDATE.



I'LL OPEN IT
FOR YOU. YOU NEED
AN EMPLOYEE PASS
TO ENTER.

HOW
INTERESTING.

SMILE





GO AHEAD,
PEASANT.

...

BY THE WAY,
SIR... THIS NEW HIRE
IS SOMETHING ELSE.
THERE'S NO REGARD
FOR FORMALITY.



OH! THAT'S
BECAUSE THE NEW
HIRE LIVED ABROAD FOR A
LONG TIME. I TOLD YOU,
THE QUALIFICATIONS
ARE TOP-NOTCH!

HAHA



STILL, WHAT'S
WITH THE WEIRD
HEADBAND?

SHRINK



AH, MY HORNS
MUST STAND OUT
TOO MUCH. I SHOULD
HIDE THEM.

ANYWAY,
I'LL BE RIGHT
THERE, SO TELL
THE NEW HIRE
TO WAIT!



WHAT
KIND OF PLACE
IS THIS?

IS IT A GOOD
PLACE TO WORK?
WHAT IS YOUR
LEADER LIKE?

STEP

STEP

HAHA...
WELL, JUST
BETWEEN US, IT'S
NOT THAT
GREAT.

AND OUR BOSS
ISN'T THE BEST, EITHER.
PLEASE DON'T TELL HIM
I SAID THAT, THOUGH.

HAHA

HEHE... HERO,
YOUR DESCENDANT
SEEMS TO HAVE A
BAD REPUTATION.

BUT DO NOT
FRET. HE SHALL
SOON DIE AT MY
HAND ANYWAY!



HE MUST NOT
HAVE MUCH GOING
FOR HIM EXCEPT FOR
HIS DECENT LOOKS.

THE BOSS?

YOU'VE
GOT A STRANGE
TYPE...

03

?



GOOD
MORNING!

CREAK





MORNING
JAEWON, WHO'S
THAT NEXT
TO YOU?

SHE'S HERE TO
INTERVIEW FOR THAT
JOB OPENING.

WOW,
SHE'S SO
PRETTY...

THE BOSS
ISN'T HERE
YET,

SO WHY
DON'T YOU HAVE
A COFFEE WHILE
YOU WAIT?

FLINCH

HE'S
NOT HERE?
THAT CAN'T BE
RIGHT...

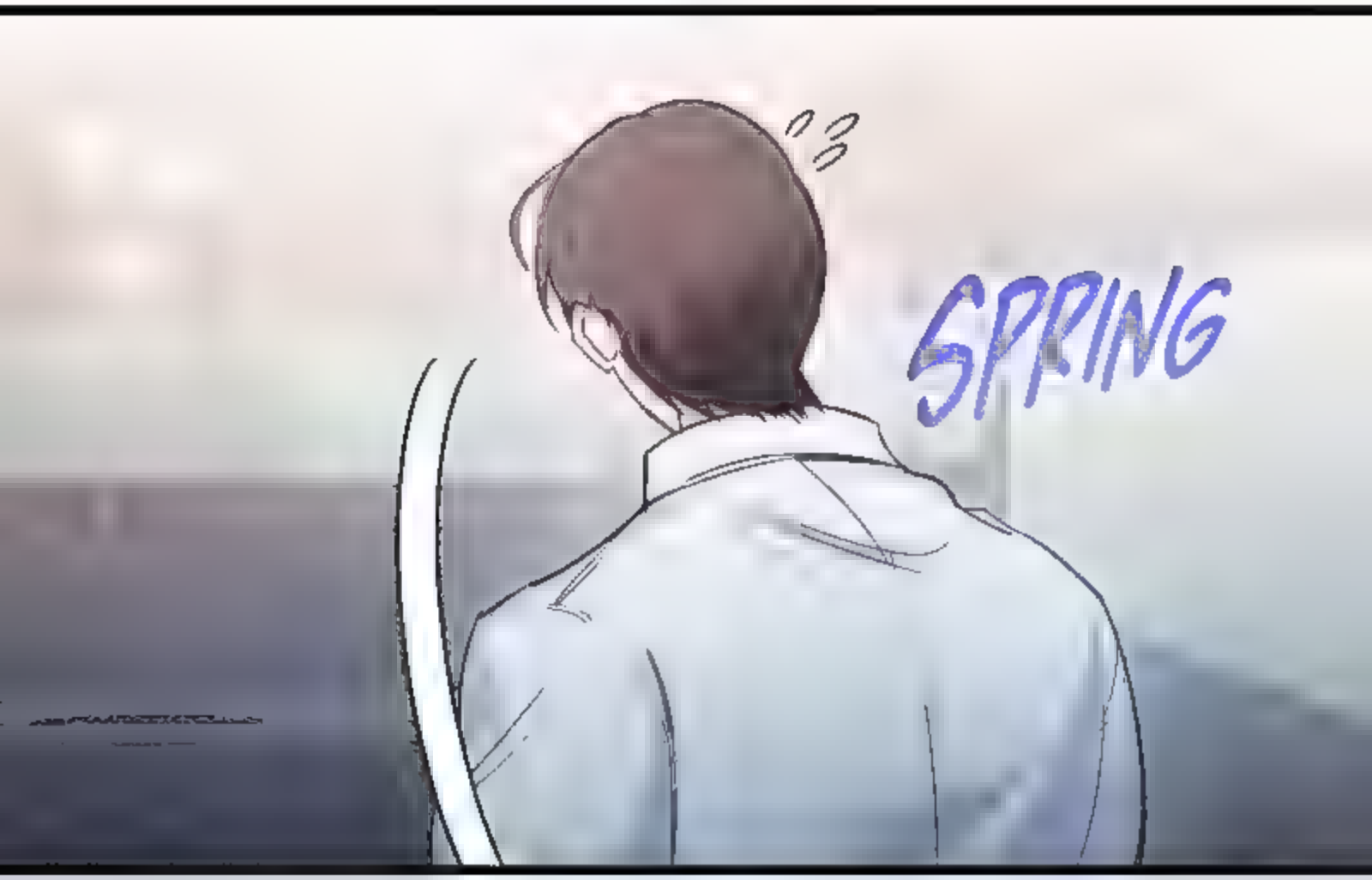
THE HERO'S
SCENT IS COMING
FROM THIS VERY
ROOM!

OH,
COME ON...





HEY,
YONGRAE!
YOU HAVEN'T
STOCKED UP THE
PAPER CLIPS!



03

SPRING

OH...
I'M SO SORRY!
I FORGOT.







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